

REMARKS

Claims 17-28 and 30-37 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 17-19, 22-23 and 25-28 have been amended as shown on pages 2-3 of the Reply. Claims 30-37 are added for an additional scope of protection as shown on pages 4-5 of the Reply.

Initially, Applicant wishes to gratefully acknowledge and thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance in the present application and for the courtesy call with respect to various items respecting the claims and noted in brief below.

With respect to claim 17, Applicant has replaced the term digital communications link with the term “digital port,” a term used acceptably in claim 1 of related US Patent No. 6,483,905. Applicant has not replaced the term “received” with “retrieved,” as requested, however, since the term “received” is amply supported by the specification. In this regard, documents that are downloaded, as described at Col. 2, lines 55-61 (Summary), are clearly also received. Further, to remove any doubt as to whether a physical user or user steps are required, the claims have been broadened to remove any such reference to users to clarify that no physical user or user steps are required. Further, claim 17 is amended to indicated that the documents are stored “in the memory,” at the request of the Examiner. Lastly, claims 17-19, 22-23 and 25-28 have also been amended in various respects to further clarify the claim language.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [VLEXP102USB].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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